The White House announced that the President will welcome President Jorge Batlle of Uruguay to Washington, DC, on February 15.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Chairman Hamid Karzai of the Interim Authority of Afghanistan to Washington, DC, on January 28.

# January 18

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Eduardo Alberto Duhalde of Argentina to discuss the economic situation in Argentina. He also had CIA and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President met in the Roosevelt Room with members of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security to thank them for their efforts in the past year. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President welcomes the visit of Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany to Washington, DC, on January 31.

The White House announced that the President announced that the White House will once again be open to tours, beginning on a limited basis in early February, for school groups.

# Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

# Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

# Released January 12

Statement by the Press Secretary: Pakistani President Musharraf's Speech

## Released January 14

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Elections in Madagascar

# Released January 15

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 1202, S. 1714, S. 1741, and S. 1793

## Released January 16

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2278, H.R. 2336, H.R. 2751, H.R. 3030, H.R. 3248, H.R. 3334, H.R. 3346, and H.R. 3348

Statement by the Press Secretary on appointments to the President's Council on Bioethics

Advance text of the President's remarks to World Affairs Council

Fact sheet: U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement (English and Spanish versions)

#### Released January 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Chairman Karzai to Washington

Statement by the Press Secretary: Uruguayan President Jorge Batlle To Visit Washington

Fact sheet: President Bush Acts To Promote Strong Families, Safe Children

Fact sheet: Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act (LIBERTAD)

#### Released January 18

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit to Washington by German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder

# Acts Approved by the President

# Approved January 15

S. 1202 / Public Law 107–119 Office of Government Ethics Authorization Act of 2001

S. 1714 / Public Law 107–120 To provide for the installation of a plaque to honor Dr. James Harvey Early in the Williamsburg, Kentucky Post Office Building

S. 1741 / Public Law 107–121 Native American Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Technical Amendment Act of 2001

S. 1793 / Public Law 107–122 Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2001

#### **Approved January 16**

H.R. 1088 / Public Law 107–123 Investor and Capital Markets Fee Relief Act

H.R. 2277 / Public Law 107–124 To provide for work authorization for nonimmigrant spouses of treaty traders and treaty investors

H.R. 2278 / Public Law 107–125 To provide for work authorization for nonimmigrant spouses of intracompany transferees, and to reduce the period of time during which certain intracompany transferees have to be continuously employed before applying for admission to the United States

H.R. 2336 / Public Law 107–126 To extend for 4 years, through December 31, 2005, the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers

H.R. 2751 / Public Law 107–127 General Shelton Congressional Gold Medal Act

H.R. 3030 / Public Law 107–128 Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2001

H.R. 3248 / Public Law 107–129 To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 65 North Main Street in Cranbury, New Jersey, as the "Todd Beamer Post Office Building"

H.R. 3334 / Public Law 107–130 To designate the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitors Center at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, California

H.R. 3346 / Public Law 107–131 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the reporting requirements relating to higher education tuition and related expenses

H.R. 3348 / Public Law 107–132 To designate the National Foreign Affairs Training Center as the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center

#### Approved January 17

H.R. 2873 / Public Law 107–133 Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001